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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRASILIA 1531

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SUBJECT: DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO BRAZIL

REF: BRASILIA 1465

1. IN BACKGROUND BRIEFING TO POL COUNSELOR, DUTCH DCM (DAMSTE) EXPLAINED THAT VAN DER STOEL'S SUDDEN VISIT TO BRASILIA MOTIVAED PRINCIPALLY BY DESIRE TO GAIN FURTHER BRAZILIAN ASSURANCES REGARDING USE OF ENRICHED URANIUM OF URENCO ORIGIN THAT DUTCH GOVERNMENT COULD USE IN OVERCOMING DUTCH PARLIAMENTARY OPPOSITION TO EXPORTS TO NON-NPT COUNTRY SUCH AS BRAZIL. DAMSTE SAID HE WAS UNABLE TO DISCLOSE SPECIFIC NATURE OF ADDITIONAL ASSURANCES VAN DER STOEL SOUGHT, THOUGH HE DENIED CATEGORICALLY THAT NPT ADHERENCE WAS INVOLVED AS ERRONEOUSLY SUGGESTED BY UPI REPORT PICKED UP BY DUTCH PRESS. (SIMILARLY, FOREIGN MINISTRY ISSUED DENIAL FEB 24 OF LAVAL PRESS REPORTS THAT VAN DE STOEL HAD
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INSISTED THAT BRAZIL AGREE TO RETURN TO IAEA ALL SPENT FUEL OF URENCO ORIGIN.) DAMSTE SAID VAN DER STOEL DID NOT RAISE EITHER NPT OR FRG-BRAZIL NUCLEAR ACCORD, NOTING THAT BRAZILIAN HAD GIVEN RECEPTIVE AND OPEN HEARING TO VAN DER STOEL'S REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL ASSURANCES AND HAD SAID THAT THEY WOULD GIVE DUTCH GOVERNMENT A REPLY IN A WEEK OR SO.

2. DAMSTE REPORTED THAT ENRICHED URANIUM EXPORTS WAS ONLY ITEM EXTENSIVELY DISCUSSED BY SILVEIRA AND VAN DER STOEL IN ALMOST TWO HOURS OF TALKS, THOUGH TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS AT OUTSET OF DISCUSSIONS HAD BRIEFLY EXCHANGED IDEAS ON NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE AND RESUMPTION OF CIEC. HE CONFIRMED THAT THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION WHATSOEVER ON HUMAN RIGHTS, THOUGH THERE WAS AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE THAT SILVEIRA WOULD VISIT THE NETHERLANDS IN COMING MONTHS. AS DAMSTE DESCRIBED THE TALKS, SILVEIRA WAS IN USUAL EXPANSIVE MOOD AND INTERRUPTED VAN DER STOEL ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS FOR LENGTHY UNSOLICITED EXPLANATIONS OR BACKGROUNDEES ON BRAZIL'S NON-ADHERENCE TO NPT. HE NOTED THAT ONLY OTHER MEMBER OF BRAZILIAN DELEGATION TO SPEAK DURING TALKS WAS NUCLEBRAS PRESIDENT NOGUEIRA BATISTA, WHO HIMSELF WAS INTERRUPTED BY SILVEIRA AFTER ENGAGING VAN DER STOEL IN BRIEF DIALOGUE ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF ENRICHED URANIUM SUPPLY. CRIMMINS

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